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In re:

Applicant(s): ZAISER, A., et al

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AMENDMENT

April 29, 2009

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

The Office Action of April 30, 2009 has been carefully considered.

Election has been required among:

Group I, Claims 1 and 2, 3, 5, 6, drawn to a saw with a specific bracing means configuration.

Group II, Claims 1 and 4 drawn to a saw with a specific coupling means configuration.

Group III, Claims 7-11 drawn to a saw with a contact element.

Group IV, Claims 12-14 drawn to a saw blade configuration.

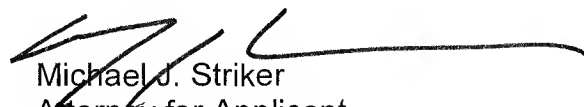
It has been noted that Claim 1 links inventions I and II. Upon indication of allowability of the linking claim, the restriction requirement as to the linked invention shall be withdrawn.

Applicant herewith elects for further prosecution Group I, Claims 1 and 2, 3, 5, and 6.

Although this election is without traversal, it is nevertheless without prejudice to the right of the applicant to file Divisional Applications should same become necessary.

Prosecution on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Striker', is written over the typed name.

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